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## Chester L. Quarles Passes Away



CHESTER L. QUARLES—1908-1968

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and nationally-known religious leader, died at 6:00 a.m. Saturday July 6 of a heart attack in the Tourista Hotel in Cuzco, Peru.

An unusually heavy snowfall in that area delayed the return of the body to Lima, Peru from which it will be sent by plane to Jackson and at press time it is not known just when it will arrive.

Funeral services are scheduled to be held at the First Baptist Church in Jackson, the church of which he was a member, with burial to take place at Lakewood Memorial Park in Jackson. Time of

snow storm in fifty years, and that this had delayed the necessary procedures for the return.

Missionaries could not say when the body would be allowed to leave Lima, but it was hoped that all government regulations could be met so that it could be shipped at least by Thursday.

services will be announced later.

He was enroute to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to attend the Pan-American Baptist Laymen's Evangelism Congress where plans will be made to get more involvement of laymen in the Crusade of Americas which will be climaxed next year with revivals throughout both American continents.

He left Jackson on July 3 after presiding at a highly-successful formal opening of

the new Mississippi Baptist Convention Building on July 2.

He was visiting with missionaries enroute and had been with a missionary the day before his death.

He had planned also to visit Mrs. Quarles' brother, Dr. William Lowrey Cooper, who is now doing pioneer mission work in Posadas, Argentina.

Dr. Quarles is survived by his wife, the former Virginia Cooper; one son, Chester Leland Quarles, of Jackson, manager of the Mississippi Crime Laboratory; and two daughters, Mary Virginia Quarles, a teacher in the schools at Titusville, Fla., and Grace Quarles, a student at Carey College, Hattiesburg.

Other survivors include a brother, Vernon Quarles, Troy, Ala.; a sister, Mrs. Juanita Montgomery, Atlanta, Ga., and three grandchildren, Kathy, Chuck and Steve Quarles, children of Chester Leland and Mrs. Quarles.

Dr. Quarles was born in Wiggins but the family soon moved to Gulfport where he grew up as a boy. The family later moved to Troy, Ala.

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### A Leader Passes

#### AN EDITORIAL

All Mississippi Baptists, along with the family, and the host of other friends who live literally around the world, are shocked and grieved, at the sudden passing of Dr. Chester L. Quarles.

Few men have lived among Southern Baptists whose influence reached so far, or whose ministry was more effective, for he served not only Mississippi, but the whole Baptist world.

We believe that every person who ever has known Chester Quarles, whether Baptist or not, feels that he or she has lost a personal friend. Certainly, Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists have lost a great leader.

Today, we stand silent, too stunned to speak the things which are in our hearts, and too sad to hold back the tears which express the grief which grips our souls. In a very short time, in a special issue of the Baptist Record, we shall pay proper tribute to this friend and leader whom God has promoted to glory.

Meanwhile, we say to Mrs. Quarles, and to all of the family, "May God comfort you and sustain you. Be assured that the prayers and love of thousands of friends, not only in Mississippi, but all over the world, are with you at this time."

## Hundreds Attend Opening Of Building

An estimated 500 people were present Tuesday for the formal opening of the new 4-story Mississippi Baptist Convention Building, with several hundred others visiting the building during the day-long open house festivities.

Baptist people from every section of the state were joined by others, many from out-of-state, for the memorable milestone in Mississippi Baptist life.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, presided over the formal opening service that was held from 10:30 until noon in the auditorium on the main floor.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, the principal speaker, told the group that "the construction of this building indicates the faith and commitment of Baptist people."

Continuing, he declared: "In such response on the part of individuals and the nation as a whole lies the secret of transforming power adequate to solve the baffling problems that confront us. The love of Christ in human hearts will reunite man to his neighbor and will unite us all in enterprises for the blessing of humanity and the glory of God."

"It also symbolizes involvement in ministries to our entire nation. It affirms our deep conviction that the

God by response to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

"It also recognizes the remarkable opportunities to share the knowledge of Christ with all the world today."

"It also confirms our profound faith in Jesus Christ as the hope of all mankind."

"This building says to every

missionary across the world that we are determined to reinforce him and provide more workers to stand by his side in doing whatever is necessary in our day."

The invocation was led by Dr. D. C. Applegate, of Starkville, president of the Convention Board.

Music was under direction of Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, director of evangelism, with A. L. Nelson, business manager, at the piano.

Greetings were extended by Jackson Mayor Allen C. Thompson, Methodist Bishop Edward J. Pendergrass of Jackson and Dr. Robert L. Lee, Executive Secretary of Louisiana Baptists and president of the Fellowship of Executive Secretaries.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Convention Board and the building committee, gave recognition to those who made special contributions toward furnishing the building.

Benediction was given by George Bagley, Executive Secretary of the Alabama State Convention.

The auditorium was filled for the formal opening service. The spacious lobby was also crowded with people, with many standing outside.

Temporary chairs filled practically every space in the lobby with many standing. An

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### MEMORIAL ISSUE PLANNED

A special memorial issue of the Baptist Record, recognizing the life and ministry of Dr. Quarles will be published in the near future.

## Executive Group Meets Monday

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board met Monday afternoon in a called meeting at the Baptist Building with Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, chairman, presiding.

A. L. Nelson, Jackson, busi-

ness manager of the Convention Board, was elected as interim treasurer of the board.

The Executive Committee voted that through its chairman it will assume the responsibility for such decisions as would normally be made by the Executive Secretary and act in an advisory capacity where needed.

Dr. D. C. Applegate, Starkville, president of the Convention Board, also announced that he would soon call a meeting of the 100-member Board to "set in motion the procedures by which a successor to Dr. Quarles will be chosen."

The called meeting of the Committee was held because of the recent death of Dr. Chester L. Quarles, the Board's Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Members of the Committee in addition to Dr. Hudgins and Dr. Applegate are:

Dr. Russell Bush, Columbia; Glenn Perry, Philadelphia; Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg; Dr. Bob Simmons, Meridian; Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo; Dr. W. Levon Moore, Pontotoc; with Claude Townsend, Florence, Convention president, ex-officio.

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### \$25,000 Gift Is Made To BMC 'Quest' Drive

Mrs. Lawrence T. Lowrey of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, has contributed \$25,000 to the Quest for Quality undertaking which friends of Blue Mountain College have initiated.

She is the widow of the late President Lawrence T. Lowrey and has made her home in Baton Rouge since she and Dr. Lowrey retired in 1960.

This initial large gift to the

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## Becomes MC President

Dr. W. Lewis Nobles took over the presidential reigns of Mississippi College this past week, becoming the ninth president of the college since the Baptists assumed control in 1850 and the 17th since its founding in 1826.

Dr. Nobles succeeds Dr. R. A. McLeMire, president for the past eleven years, who retired on June 30 and the following day was installed as executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission. His office is located in the Leland Speed Library.

The transition from one administration to another was a smooth one, thanks to the co-operation both men received from each other. Dr. Nobles had visited the campus many times to confer with Dr. McLeMire following the announcement last September by the Board of Trustees that he was to be the new president.

Prior to joining the Mississippi College family, Dr. Nobles had been dean of the graduate school at the University of Mississippi. He is a graduate of Ole Miss and received his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Kansas.

Dr. Nobles, a dedicated Christian layman as well as scholar of national note, said

he believes the goal of Mississippi College is to provide "a good liberal arts education in a Christian environment with a faculty and student body dedicated to concepts of a church-related college."

Although he does not know how long it might take, he looks toward the day Mississippi College can take on university status. "The groundwork for university status has been laid through financial support, facilities, faculty and additional programs of study," he said.

Dr. Nobles said he has high regard for the faculty and staff assembled by Dr. McLeMire and that he planned to make no changes. He has been impressed by the quality and dedication of the students and had praise for the enthusiasm they have shown. He met with student leaders before taking over the presidency.

#### Delivered Address

He has also been impressed by the physical facilities of the college, especially the Hederman Science Building placed into use earlier this year. A scientist with a national reputation, Dr. Nobles delivered the dedicatory address when the building was opened. A laboratory on the fourth floor has been set aside for him so that he can continue to do research.

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## 6,000 EXPECTED FOR WORLD YOUTH MEET

BERNE, Switzerland (BP) — More than 6,000 young people from 65 countries throughout the world are expected to attend the 7th Baptist World Conference here July 22-28, making the Baptist meeting one of the largest international conventions ever to assemble in the historic Swiss capital.

In late June, pre-registration figures showed that 2,000 youth from North America, 1,000 from Europe, and 500 from the rest of the world plan on attending, according to Robert S. Denny of Washington, D. C., associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance which is sponsoring the meeting.

A dozen speakers have been announced for the seven days of meeting. They include Evangelist Billy Graham; Paul Tournier, Swiss physician and author; and the artist Annie Vallotton.

There also are two college deans, Sam Proctor of

the University of Wisconsin and Othello D. de Leon of Central Philippine University; three theology professors, Kenneth L. Chafin, Carl Lundquist, and Culbert G. Rutenber, all of the U. S. A.; two denominational executives, Gerhard Claas of Germany, and Nilson Fanini of Brazil; and a student, Solomon Gwei of West Cameroon.

A 600-voice international choir directed by William J. Reynolds of Nashville, Tenn., will lead the musical program. The Baylor University Band, from Waco, Tex., directed by Donald I. Moore, will play pre-session music and accompany congregational singing.

Also featured will be the "Wordmasters," a speech choral group from Georgetown College, a Baptist school in Georgetown, Ky.

"International fellowship will be given even greater emphasis than the speech-making sessions," Denny said. A formal discussion panel will follow each morning speaker, with representatives from



The last official picture taken of Dr. Quarles was snapped in his office just prior to the formal opening service in the auditorium of the new Baptist Building. Standing behind him, are, from left: Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, chairman of building committee; Methodist Bishop Edward J. Pendergrass of Jackson; Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, director of evangelism; Dr. George Bagley, Alabama Baptist executive secretary; Dr. D. C. Applegate, Starkville, president of Convention Board; Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, Va., speaker; and Dr. Robert L. Lee, Louisiana Baptist executive secretary.

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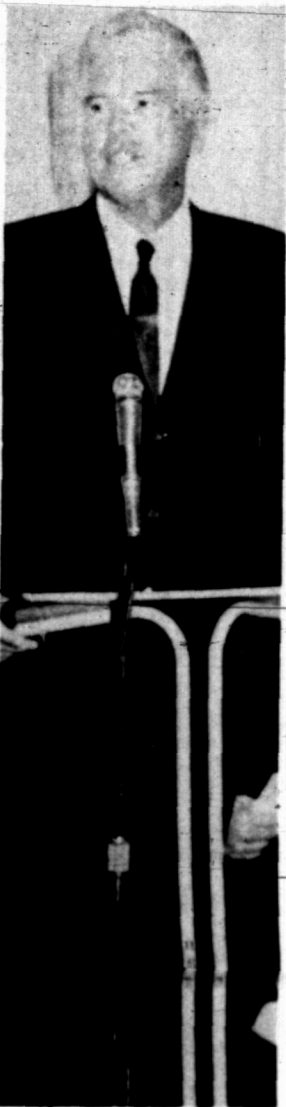
The lobby was crowded during formal opening service with many even standing outside.



A light moment in auditorium during formal open house service.



Daughters of Convention Board personnel served as hostesses during open house. From left, standing: Mrs. Betty Henderson, building hostess; Beverly Quinn, Belinda Dyess, Cathy Crotwell, Beverly Allen, Linda Lipscomb, Ruth Nelson, Mildred Crawford, Laura Bingham, Miss Carolyn Moore, librarian. Seated: Linda Williams, Julie McMullan, Sharon Emery, Becky Henderson, Peggy Brown, Melany Bingham.



MAYOR ALLEN C. THOMPSON of Jackson brings greetings.



Early arrivals in lobby.

## Hundreds Attend Opening

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amplifier was installed for the service so everyone in the building could hear the program.

Punch was served throughout the day.

An attractive folder describing the new building as well as a miniature special issue of the Baptist Record, the official journal of the denomination, was given to those who visited the building.

The new building is at the corner of North President and Mississippi streets.

For several years prior to the occupancy of the new

building the old building at the corner of Mississippi and North Congress was used. It was sold to the State of Mississippi.

The new building has several purposes, according to Dr. Quarles, the main one being to house the various departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The 1965 State Convention authorized the construction of the new facility.

The new building is diagonally opposite the Mississippi State Capitol and only a few blocks from downtown Jackson.

## Chester L. Quarles Dies

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He was graduated from Samford University (formerly Howard College) in Birmingham in 1929 and in 1933 he received the Th.M. degree from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky. In 1952 Mississippi College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Pastor in Alabama

Following his graduation from seminary he served as pastor of the Newton, Ala., Baptist Church.

He next became secretary of Student Work and Training Union for the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

Dr. Quarles then received a call to the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., where he served as director of associational work in the Training Union, Department.

He then accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Leland, Miss., and from this post he went as pastor of First Baptist Church Sylacauga, Ala.

It was then that he was called as executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, a post he held for 18 years.

Notable advances have been made in every phase of the work of the denomination, climaxing this year in the occupancy and formal opening of the new \$1,100,000 four-story Mississippi Baptist Convention Building.

Gulfshore Baptist Assembly and Camp Kittiwake, both at Pass Christian, have been acquired during his tenure of service. On the occasion of his 15th anniversary in 1965, friends presented Dr. Quarles with a new automobile and a book of letters.

In 1955 he was president of the Fellowship of Executive Secretaries of the Southern Baptist Convention and in 1959

he was elected as first vice-president of the SBC.

He had made numerous mission tours abroad, including South America, Europe and the Holy Land.

Dr. Quarles suffered an attack of polio when he was only five months old but in spite of this, he competed in college sports and was a sports fan.

## DR. HUNTER TO END McCOMB MINISTRY ON NEXT SUNDAY

Members of the First Baptist Church and citizens of McComb are planning a special day Sunday, July 14, for Dr. Wyatt Hunter, who retires after 30 years as pastor of the church.

Special guest speakers will be present at the morning and evening services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. A city-wide reception will be held in the

## English Worship Conducted In Brussels

English-language Baptist services are now taking place on Sunday evenings in Brussels, Belgium, using facilities of the French-language Baptist church.

Attendance ranges from 15 to 20 people. R. W. Buckley, a Southern Baptist Convention (USA) missionary appointed to work in Pakistan, will lead the services in Brussels. He will remain in the Belgian capital while waiting for an entry visa to Pakistan.

The Sunday evening services will reach primarily English-speaking civilians living in Brussels, which has a population of just over 1,000,000.

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Mississippi Baptists today number 518,260 in 1877 churches compared to 388,426 members in 1554 churches in 1950.

Grand total gifts last year reached \$31,883,065 as compared to \$6,540,408 in 1950.

Total mission gifts last year were \$6,040,144, compared to \$1,278,946 in 1950.

## McNeil Named Agency Intern

NASHVILLE (BP) — Ken McNeil, 24, graduate student at Vanderbilt University here

has been named the first summer intern of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Foy Valentine, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist agency, said the new intern will study the Christian Life Commission program, represent the commission at conferences and assemblies, and work on basic research and special projects for the commission.

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Little boy: Thanks, Mister! I hear the lady coming now, let's run.

## RIO CONGRESS NEXT WEEK

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A part of the basic purpose in meeting in Rio de Janeiro, he added, is to bring Baptist laymen from differing cultures in the rest of the hemisphere to the spot where the idea for the Crusade of Americas was born, and to learn from the "highly successful evangelistic programs being used in Brazil" where laymen take a major lead in evangelism.

The Crusade of the Americas, slated to climax with simultaneous crusades in the spring of 1969, got its start in Brazil as an outgrowth of the 1965 evangelistic effort of Brazilian Baptists which resulted in 100,000 professions of faith. Each of the participating 38 Baptist bodies is planning its own effort and schedule.

A key part of the Pan American Baptist Laymen's Congress will be putting into practice the things they discussed during the week's meeting, said Cooper, explaining that immediately following the congress, the laymen attending will divide into teams to conduct weekend laymen-led revivals in churches throughout Brazil.

Music will feature sacred concerts by Metropolitan Opera Soloist Irene Jordan of New York; businessman Russell Newport of Springfield, Mo.; Negro Baptist Convention official Robert Bradley of Nashville, Tenn.; and a Negro Baptist choir from Mississippi.

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Advance registration, Cooper reported, includes 190 from the United States; 40 from Uruguay; 30 from Ecuador; 14 from Venezuela; 12 from Chile; 10 each from Argentina and Paraguay; and numbers ranging from two to ten from Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras,

Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Antigua, the Bahamas, Bolivia, Haiti, Guiana, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and Trinidad.

Advance registration figures from Brazil were not available, but officials estimated attendance by Brazilian laymen would be about 400 to 450.

## Historical Leader Installed

Dr. R. A. McLemore, who retired June 30 as president of Mississippi College, was installed July 1 as executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission.

The service of installation was held at the Leland Speed Library at the college at 11:00 a.m.

Dr. McLemore succeeds Rev. Reed Dicken of Bentonla

who has served as interim secretary of the Commission since the death of Rev. J. L. Boyd several months ago.

Dr. F. K. Horton, pastor of Oakhurst Baptist Church, Clarksdale, and chairman of the Executive Committee of the Commission, was master of ceremonies.

In his address of inauguration Dr. McLemore told of his

plans to produce a new history of Mississippi Baptists.

He said that "publications that have been produced have played an important role in our work."

"They form the basic source of information for the history of Baptists in Mississippi and offer an inspiration to all Baptists in their recounting of the struggles and achievements of those who have gone before."

"However the accumulation of a vast body of materials and the passage of time has made it desirable for a new history to be produced."

"The sources will be somewhat similar and the opportunities of sharing materials for the two volumes will lighten the work for each manuscript."

"I hope this job can be completed by 1970."

Dr. McLemore also told of the development of the Historical Commission and other plans for the future.

## Butler Participates

Others who participated were Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer; Mr. Dicken; Dr. J. B. Butler, Jackson and Dr. R. A. Herrington, Hillsboro, the latter two also being members of the Commission.

At 3:00 p.m. on the same day the Baptist historical shelter and exhibit on the highway near Fayette was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Boyd.

Mr. Boyd, well and widely known Baptist leader before his death, had been executive secretary of the Commission for many years.

He had taken the lead several years ago in the planning and construction of the shelter at Fayette which is visited annually by hundreds of people from many states.

Rev. Paul Jakes, of Clinton, a member of the Commission, presided over the dedication program.

Others who participated were Rev. Charles Gentry, Clinton; Rev. Tom Dunlap, Natchez, a member of the Commission; and Mrs. Faye Ridings, office secretary of the Commission.

## 6,000 Are Expected At Berne

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scattered nations participating. This formal discussion will then be followed each day by 200 discussion groups, with the conference delegates meeting in Bernese school rooms to discuss church and world affairs on a person-to-person basis. Afternoons will be devoted to fellowship and sightseeing.

This will be the seventh in a series of the international youth conferences sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance. The first was in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1931. Others have met in Stockholm, Zurich, Rio de Janeiro, Toronto and Beirut.

Sessions will be held at Berne's municipal auditorium, Ausstellungshalle. Hotels will be filled to overflowing, with several thousand international visitors expected to stay in the Berne private homes.

## Graham's Mini-Crusade Closes

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS — Evangelist Billy Graham closed tonight the HemisFair Crusade—what he described as his shortest Crusade ever, yet one of "the most rewarding we've had anywhere in the world" — in this South Texas city's Alamogordo Stadium.

The 96-hour Crusade effort drew a total of 94,900 persons in four services with the largest crowd attending the final service Sunday night when 28,000 persons filled the football stadium.

Some 4,326 persons responded to Mr. Graham's invitation to "follow Christ as Lord and Saviour." The largest single response came at the concluding meeting when 1,455 persons came from every corner of the vast stadium. Saturday night was Family Night and Military Night since San Antonio boasts nearly a dozen military installations including the Air Force induction center at Lackland Air Force Base.



DR. R. A. McLemore, the new executive secretary of the Historical Commission, holds key to the Commission offices given to him at his installation July 2. At left is Rev. Reed Dicken, Bentonla, recent interim secretary, and at right is Dr. F. K. Horton of Clarksdale, trustee, who presided over the service.



MRS. FAYE RIDINGS, of Clinton, office secretary, unveils the memorial to Rev. J. L. Boyd at the service held July 1 at the historical shelter near Fayette. At left is Rev. Tom Dunlap, trustee pastor of First Church, Natchez, who led the benediction and Rev. Paul Jakes, trustee, of Clinton, who presided.





Baptist leaders from every section of the state were present for the long range planning conference held at the First Church in Jackson June 24-28 and sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department. Several present were: from left: Rev. Fred Tarpley, Hinds superintendent of missions; Dr. Perry Claxton, pastor First Church, Greenville; Ray Martin, deacon of Woodville Heights Church, Jackson; Rev. Leon Emery, associate in Cooperative Missions Department and conference director; and Joe Hinkle and Vance Vernon, both consultants in Church Administration Department of Sunday School Board, Nashville.

## Nobles Becomes MC President

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search in his field. The new president has won nationwide recognition for his work and research in pharmaceutical chemistry. He is active in the American Pharmaceutical Association and this past year served as president of the medicinal chemistry section of the Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences. He was the recipient of the APA Foundation Award in Stimulation of Research in 1966.

His research in the drug and chemistry field has resulted in the marketing by a national drug concern of propoquin dihydrochloride, used in the treatment of malaria. A single injection of the antimalarial drug was effective in 97 percent of the 726 patients of all ages observed during investigations in Panama, Mexico, Indonesia and Ghana. Dr. Nobles is the author of more than 80 technical papers



Dr. W. Lewis Nobles

printed in scientific journals and has co-authored a textbook in his field.

Both he and his wife, the former Joy Ford of Picayune, have been awed by the beautiful view of the campus from Hendrick House, the president's home, situated high on a bluff overlooking the southern part of the campus. They moved into their new home last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Nobles are the parents of two daughters, Sandra, age 17, who will be a high school senior next year, and Suzanne, age 10, who will be in the sixth grade.

## Greer Accepts Alabama Post

Rev. N. F. Greer, associate in the Stewardship Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has resigned that position to become secretary of the newly-created Stewardship Department of the Alabama Baptist Convention.

Mr. Greer's resignation will become effective July 15.

Mr. Greer came to his present position in October of 1966 from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Quitman, where he had served since 1959.

Before coming to his present position he had been ac-



Rev. N. F. Greer

tive in denominational affairs, having been a member of the Executive Committee of the Convention Board as well as the Assembly Committee.

He had also served as chairman of the trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Prior to going to Quitman he had served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Morton. A native of Ruth, Mr. Greer is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. Greer have two children, a daughter, Kim, age 13, and Mark, age 6. Rev. John Alexander is director of the Stewardship Department.



Rev. Kenneth Miller

## T. U. Department Worker Replaced

Rev. Kenneth Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church in Houston, has resigned that position to become an associate in the Training Union Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson.

Mr. Miller began his work July 1.

Kermit S. King, director of the Training Union Department, said that Mr. Miller would fill a vacancy, replacing G. G. Pierce who resigned several months ago.

Mr. Miller will be director of youth work and consultant in church recreation in the department, Mr. King added. Mr. Miller, a native of Birmingham, Ala., is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham and New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Before going to Charleston in 1966 he had been pastor of East Louisville Baptist Church and Rock Hill Baptist Church, near Mt. Olive.

Mrs. Miller is the former Marvel Phillips of Linden, Ala. They have one daughter, Gina Renae, age 2 1/2 years.

## \$25,000 Gift Is Made To BMC

(Continued from page 1) current financial effort which friends of the College are making has brought a high degree of enthusiasm to the undertaking and has challenged alumnus and other friends to be generous in their responses to the Quest.

Initial response to the Quest For Quality has been most encouraging, according to President E. Harold Fisher of Blue Mountain College. The Quest was suggested, planned, and

is being promoted by friends of the College. Dr. Chester E. Swor, Mr. Alex McKeigney, and Mr. Hayes Callicutt of

Jackson, Mississippi, are co-chairmen of the undertaking. Mrs. W. N. Washburn of the Blue Mountain College faculty is secretary.

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"Set My Soul Afire"  
"I Want My Lord to Be Near"  
"An Evening Prayer"  
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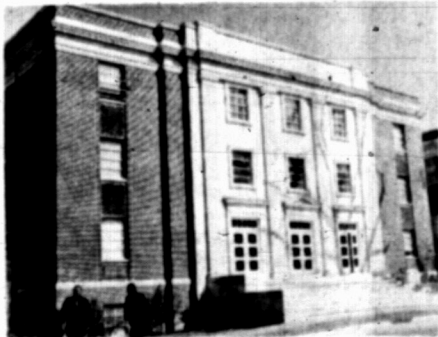
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## RECOGNITION

For each order of 10 albums, or a cash gift of \$10.00 for the scholarship fund, we will place the name of the purchaser or donor (church, group, or individual) in a permanent record book to be kept in the music library-studio of the new Baptist Building.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

For each order of 100 albums, or a cash gift of \$100.00 for the scholarship fund, the purchaser or donor will be given special recognition as follows: (1) name given to the president and music deans of our four Baptist colleges (2) name placed in the Baptist Record (3) certificate of recognition placed in an appropriate place.

## Court Shuns Liquor Ruling

MACON, Ga. (BP)—The U. S. District Court here has refused to rule on a petition seeking to have Georgia's local option liquor law declared unconstitutional.

Judge W. A. Battle indicated that the recent U. S. Supreme Court decision raised doubts that a Georgia petition would be granted. But, he did clear the way for a quick appeal if the petitioners want to take their case back to state courts.

If local option liquor laws were declared unconstitutional, it could mean legalization of liquor sales in all of Georgia's 129 counties. Thirty counties have approved liquor sales.

## 1,700 Men Earn Credit In Category 21

About 1,700 Southern Baptist men earned credit in Category 21 of the Church Study Course from October, 1967 to April of this year, the latest tabulation shows.

Category 21 contains concept, methods and planning books on missionary education for men and boys. Oklahoma with 287 awards led all states. Texas followed with 205. Other leaders in the top 10 include Georgia, 195; Florida, 125; North Carolina, 119; Missouri, 116. Mississippi presented two.

The Brotherhood Commission produces the books which make up this category.

brook will appear in the July-September issue of The Church Recreation Magazine.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Westbrook of Yazoo City. His wife is the former Linda Jolly, whose parents now live in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.



Rev. Kenneth Westbrook

## Joins Staff At 1st, Greenville

Rev. Kenneth Westbrook has joined the staff of First Church, Greenville as assistant pastor and youth director. He graduated in May from New Orleans Seminary with the Master of Theology degree in the Honors Program. He received his B. A. from Mississippi College.

For two and a half years he served as mission pastor of First Church, Yazoo City, and served for two summers as youth ministers of Parkview, Monroe, La.

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## The Baptist Record

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

### Revivals

The time of summer revivals is here. Many meetings are being held right now in churches all over the state, and hundreds of others will be held within the next few weeks.

At least two area revivals are being held this week. The Greater Jackson Crusade is in progress at the Mississippi Coliseum with Dr. Paul Stevens doing the preaching. Services will be held nightly at 7:30 through the remainder of this week, with the closing service Sunday afternoon at 3:00.

An area wide crusade also is in progress at the Memorial Park in Crystal Springs, with Evangelist Vince Cervera doing the preaching. This, too, will continue through Sunday with services at 7:30 each evening.

People in these areas should attend and work in these meetings. Those in other areas where revivals are in progress should be attending those.

Christians should do at least three things about revival meetings: attend, pray, and encourage lost and uninterested friends to attend. Indifference or unconcern on the part of Christians hinders revival power and victory.

Never has America or Mississippi needed revival more. Pray and work for it in your church and in all of our state. Start, by attending a service tonight if there is one near you!

### Southern Baptist Advance

For more than a quarter of a century before 1960, or perhaps even longer, the Southern Baptist Convention was the fastest growing major denomination in America. It still may hold that distinction in some divisions of its work, but statistics reveal that Southern Baptist growth definitely has slowed down.

Growth of the membership has been steady through the century and a quarter of the convention's existence, but was especially rapid in the period mentioned above. When organized in 1845 the convention reported 351,951 members in its cooperating churches. It took 28 years for the membership to reach 1,000,000.

(1873). In 1907, 34 years later the membership passed 2,000,000. It took 13 years to reach the third million, 12 years the fourth, 8 years the 5th and 6 years the 6th. From 1946 to 1962 the convention added a million to its membership every four years, passing 10,000,000 in that latter year. However, growth began to slow down, and it took 5 years to reach and pass 11,000,000.

#### Organizations

The Sunday school had rapid growth through the late 40's and early 50's, but then began to falter in its advance, and reached its peak in 1964. It has had a slight drop each year since then.

Likewise the Training Union reached its peak in 1962, leveled out for a year, and then began a slight decline for three years. During the past year it made a very slight gain.

The WMU peaked in 1963, and the Brotherhood in 1962. Both have experienced losses each year since then.

The Music ministry is the one department that has continued to experience rather large gains. This may be explained, partly by the new emphasis upon music in the convention, and also by the financial growth of the churches, which has allowed more of them to employ directors of music.

#### Finances

Finances also have continued to grow, although it is not yet clear how much of this is due to the new emphasis on stewardship programs in the churches, and how much to the rising economy of the nation. It is certain that both have influenced church finances. The value of church property has shown amazing growth, but so also has the debt on the churches. Mission giving has had a steady advance, but it has not kept pace with the total financial growth of the churches. This may be explained, at least in part, by the huge debts which so many churches have acquired in expanding their buildings. An upward surge in mission giving should be seen as church debts are paid out. Mission programs of the convention have made remarkable gains, as more money has been provided for mission work.

#### Baptisms

Baptisms fluctuate from year to year, but the peak was reached in 1959, and the convention has not baptized above 400,000 persons any year since 1961. Moreover, the per capita of members to baptisms (the number of baptisms in proportion to membership) continues to rise, and this is not good. For example, in 1948 there was one baptism for each 20.9 members, and in 1964 one for each 20.4 members. Last year, however, there was one baptism for each 29.4 members, and in 1966 this had been one to 30.3.

Southern Baptists are viewing these problems with concern, although not with alarm, and efforts are be-

ing made to find the reasons for them, and the remedies to solve them. Convention leaders, pastors, and people, all realize that the nation's and the world's need right now, is not decline, but advance, and advance must begin once more if our convention is to remain a meaningful factor in the religious life of America and the world.

#### What Is Cause?

What is the cause of this slump in Southern Baptist growth?

Is it simply the trend of the times, since almost all major denominations likewise are experiencing losses, and some are showing far greater ones than those being experienced by Southern Baptists?

Is it because Southern Baptists have begun to change the methods which were so effective a few years ago, and the substitutes are not working as well?

Is it because people have changed, and in this secular, materialistic age, people cannot be reached by the plans and methods used in the past?

Have Southern Baptists become so affluent that they have become a "middle-class society" group, and no longer are appealing to the masses of people they have reached in the past?

Does the fact that Southern Baptists have refused to enter into the ecumenical movements of our times, mean that they no longer are relevant to the needs of the nation? Are they being looked upon as an intransigent group, which simply is failing to keep up?

Is the decline caused by the fact that this modern age no longer will accept the Bible based message and program which Southern Baptists preach and use?

Is it because Southern Baptists have grown cold and prayerless, and are failing to meet God's conditions for power and effectiveness, and so are missing the blessing of God which has been so abundantly showered upon them in the past?

Or is there some other cause not revealed in any of these questions?

#### Solution

Somewhere there is a reason for the situation now confronted by Southern Baptists. That reason must be found, and proper means of solution applied.

It is because of this that we are dealing with this issue in our continuing series on "Problems Facing Southern Baptists." In this Baptist Record you will find articles on this problem, written by three pastors and a layman.

We invite you, our readers, to join us in discussing this in the remaining July issues. If you have an idea or a constructive suggestion, why not write it down and send it to us. You may be able to help Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptists to begin moving forward at greater pace once again.



Who can deny TV has given our children a steady diet of violence long enough? A reporter monitored TV programs on the three major networks and a local independent station and found scarcely a show in which the most blatant cruelty and obscene sadism were not an integral part of plot and production. In the course of this eight-hour vista, the reporter encountered several different kinds of pistols and revolvers, three varieties of rifle, three distinct brands of shotgun, half a dozen assorted daggers and stilettos, two types of machete, one butcher's cleaver, a broadaxe, rapiers galore, an ancient broadsword, a posse of sabers, an electric prod, and a guillotine. Men (and women and even children) were shot by gunpowder, burned at the stake, tortured over live coals, trussed and beaten in relays, dropped into molten sugar, cut to ribbons (in color), repeatedly kneed in the groin, beaten while being held defenseless by other hoodlums, forcibly drowned, whipped with a leather belt, and dealt with in many other ways with the eyes of the hundreds of thousands of children looking on. (Saturday Review, 6-8-68)

Southern Baptists must find ways of censoring this kind of sadism without injuring freedom of speech and press.

Churches need to help more in ministering to those in prison. There are only 150 full-time psychiatrists in all of the nation's prisons — enough for about 36 seconds of treatment per month per inmate, if each received an equal share! Yet 80 percent of adult inmates need psychiatric help and only 6.7 percent of the staff are psychologists, social workers and others qualified to give it. (This Week Magazine, 6-9-68)

Liberalized abortion laws have already been passed in Colorado, North Carolina, and California, and new bills are pending in twenty-five other states with passage reasonably certain in at least four. "No reform movement in recent history has advanced so quickly from idea stage to action and legislation," observes Professor Lewis S. Feuer, noted sociologist and philosopher of the University of Toronto. (Parents, April-68)

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### Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

July 15 — T. E. Darnell, Kemper Association T. U. DIRECTOR; George Collier, Zion Association S. S. Supt. July 16 — Allie L. McLaugh, Clarke faculty; W. B. Rives, trustee, Christian Action Commission.

July 17 — Mrs. Paul Cooper, WMU vice - president; District IX; Mrs. Alpha Humble, medical - surgical instructor, Gilfooy School of Nursing.

July 18 — E. L. Roberts, Lincoln - Copiah supt. of missions; Mrs. Charlotte Murff, Carey College faculty.

July 19 — Waudine Storey, Baptist Building; Carolyn Madison, Baptist Building; Kermit King, Baptist Building.

July 20 — Grendolyn Yarbrough, Baptist Book Store; Lula Mae Smith, staff, Children's Village.

July 21 — Charles Martin, faculty, Miss. College; Emogene Ray, faculty, Blue Mountain.

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"A substantial fraction of the leaders of extremist movements, both liberal and conservative, are college-educated men and women. Somehow we have failed to teach them how to disagree with and still respect their opponents as people. Many college graduates are unable to debate basic issues without imputing moral turpitude to the persons with whom they disagree."

So said Manning Pattillo at the recent meeting of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. He also cited "the widespread feeling that higher education is increasingly expensive, and the need for higher education to take 'the plight of our free society seriously.' "Increasingly," he said, "extremists of the left and the right are resorting to coercion and violence as the means of getting their way."

"Higher education stands to lose in two ways if it does not deal successfully with the problem of extremism. First, public confidence in higher education, already shaken by recent events, will be increasingly undermined, with a consequent decline in financial support; and second, the social climate of our country will be such that academic institutions will be seriously handicapped in carrying on their work."

Last fall the National Catholic Education Association convened a Washington Symposium on the future of Catholic education. While addressing itself to all phases of education, the Symposium had the following to say about higher education: "Every Catholic college or university must, however, be in institution where Catholicism is perceptibly present and effectively operative. . . . By fostering an atmosphere where ultimate questions are asked and a diversity of viewpoints presented, the colleges and universities will attract those with a high level of personal commitment and promote the dialogue between the Church and the contemporary world. . . . The whole statement may be obtained through the Rev. C. Albert Koob, NCEA Executive Secretary, NCEA, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036."

Little elderly lady: Isn't it wonderful how these filling station people know exactly where to set up a pump and get gas?



## Newest In Books

POEMS FOR THE QUIET HOUR by Mina R. Versepunt (Baker, paperback, 64 pp., \$1.00)

These poems are especially suited for times of meditation. Many of them were originally heard over Station WFUR in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

IN A BARLEY FIELD by J. Vernon McGee (Regal Books, Gospel Light Publications, paperback, 192 pp., 95 cents)

This is a book about Ruth's romance of redemption. Built around the book of Ruth, it shows how "a foreigner, a member of a hated race, a poor widow—a problem to society, became the wife of a rich man—the grandmother of a king—an important link in the ancestry of Jesus."

75 STORIES AND ILLUSTRATIONS FROM EVERYDAY LIFE by Erwin L. McDonald (Baker, 105 pp., paperback, \$1.50)

Here are fresh, pointed stories and illustrations to illum-

inate sermons or talks, compiled by the editor of the Arkansas Baptist. As Brooks Hays says in the introduction, Dr. McDonald "has the rare gift of seeing sermons in stones. From simple incidents in the life of the confidante and later throbbing life of the State Capital, he has drawn impressive lessons."

CHARMING YOU by Marjorie Frost (Zondervan, paperback, 186 pp., 95c)

Here is a charm course that can be taken at home, through reading. While it stresses the physical and social aspects of life, it does not disregard the spiritual, but gives it a natural part in the over-all discussion. A practical handbook for "a lovelier you," this will be of interest to the teenager, the career lady, or the homemaker.

My Friend The Enemy by William E. Pannell (Word, 131 pp., \$3.95).

A Negro Christian man in his mid-thirties, discusses the problems of the Negro in America. The book is somewhat autobiographical as he uses his own experiences to present the principles he discusses. Reading the book will give one better understanding of Christian Negro thinking today.

WISDOM by H. S. Vigevano (Gospel Light Publications, paperback, 129 pp., 95 cents)

Daily devotional Bible studies in Wisdom Literature. The author emphasizes that God-given wisdom is essential in the Christian life.

FIRST AND SECOND PETER by George H. Cramer (Moody, paperback, 95 cents, 127 pp.)

Using analytical outlines to present the natural organization of the epistles, I and II Peter, Cramer provides a clearer understanding of the unity and message of Peter's writings.

## PRACTICAL NURSING CLASS AT HOSPITAL SET AUG. 19

By Mrs. Johnnye Weber  
Director of Nursing Service  
Mississippi Baptist Hospital

Have you ever thought you might like to become a licensed practical nurse? Did you, at some time earlier, wish you could enter the school for professional nurses, yet find it impossible at that time? Do you feel that by not having achieved that goal you have "missed your calling"? If so, you may be one of the people who wishes to enter a School of Practical Nursing.

Mississippi Baptist Hospital School of Practical Nursing is presently accepting applicants for the next class, which will begin on August 19, 1968. To qualify for admission, you must have a high school education or the equivalent as evidenced by achieving a satisfactory score on the G.E.D. test; you must be of good character, in good health; and eager to learn to become a good nurse. Applicants are usually between the ages of 18 and 55. At the present time, we have facilities to train white students only.

The course of study is extended over a full year. For the first 13 weeks, the students are in the classroom, learning the physiology of the well body, and the conditions of illness and their treatments as they apply to the practical nurse. After this time, a portion of each day is spent in advanced study of the science and art of nursing. During the year, the student has an opportunity to work with most conditions of illness and under the supervision of the instructors, and the supervising nurses learn to care for her patients. The course of study is state accredited by the State Department of Vocational Education. Upon completion of the course of study the student is known as a Graduate Practical Nurse. Upon satisfactory completion of the State Board examination, she acquires the title of Licensed Practical Nurse.

There is probably no vocation open to women in which the opportunity to serve is greater; where usefulness has more longevity; the need greater; the employment opportunities more stable; the salaries more attractive than in the field of nursing. Since 1956, the salary scale for Licensed Practical Nurses has risen dramatically. With the tendency toward longer life spans for people and the opening of more and more nursing homes, employment opportunities are not limited to hospital work, private duty, or physician's assistant.

The cost of the school to the student is small. At the present time, Mississippi Baptist Hospital provides books, uniforms, and one meal each school day. The student must arrange for her own living expenses during the year and must provide herself with incidental items necessary — such as white nursing ox-fords, bandage scissors, notebooks, paper and pencils.

At Mississippi Baptist Hospital two Practical Nursing classes are enrolled each year. The number of students that can be accepted is limited, so that each instructor has no more students than she can successfully teach.

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## Hull Is Baptist Hour Preacher For Summer

Dr. William E. Hull, director of graduate studies in theology and professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, will deliver the sermons on THE BAPTIST HOUR radio program during the second half of the summer season.

With "Christ and the Modern Mood" as a theme, his messages will be:

July 21 — "The Miracle Worker"

July 28 — "From Futility to Faith"

August 4 — "The Hidden Persuaders"

August 11 — "The Status Seekers"

August 18 — "The Age of Anxiety"

August 25 — "The Signs of the Times"

Dr. Hull will be serving as summer replacement for the regular BAPTIST HOUR preacher, Dr. Herschel Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

THE BAPTIST HOUR, Southern Baptists' oldest radio production, is now heard on 493 stations.



# Right Motives Needed For Real Advance

J. Harold Stephens, Pastor  
Temple Church, Hattiesburg

On this subject we are confronted with needs, problems, proposals and challenges. For some time Southern Baptists leaders have been expressing increasing alarm over certain declines in Baptisms on a percentage basis and, in enrollment in all of our organizations. We are also confronted with a decline in the number of ministerial students in our Baptist colleges to the point that some say we have only fifty percent of the number of ministerial students in our Baptist colleges that we had ten years ago. Along with the above declines we are aware of a disturbing decline in the number of study course

and with the Lord adding to the church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:47). The reign of Christ is to be identified with advance. Isaiah wrote, "Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end" (Isa. 9:7). Paul said, "Christ must reign until He has put all enemies under His feet" (1 Cor. 15:25). In spite of the fact that advance is a Biblical program we are still confronted with problems that may interfere with advance. One of our greatest problems is complacency. The prophet Amos said, "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion" (Amos 6:1). The problem of complacency is on one extreme, and on the other extreme there is the problem of our becoming so eager to advance that we resort to the tricks, gadgets, schemes, and promotional pressures of the secular world in seeking a

weak on motivation. We are strong on proposals, but weak on implementation. We are strong on keeping up with the times in a highly organized, computerized, and mechanized society, but we are weak in our emphasis upon the unchanging Christ for a changing world.

## Must Watch Efforts

Right now we are going to have to guard against being in competition with ourselves in our plans for advance. All of the meetings, programs, and efforts to engage Southern Baptists in our current transition as to organization, literature, and curricula can well absorb our efforts, energies, and resources to the point that we will defeat ourselves in the Crusade of the Americas. Let us not allow ourselves to be so encumbered with the mechanics of transition that we lose sight of our mission as individuals and churches of propagating the gospel of Christ at home and abroad.

We have an abundant crop of counselors, consultants, administrators, and advisors, but Jesus said, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." The emphasis is upon laborers. We need to compare titles and ranks in our highly organized programs, as recommended by efficiency experts in the business world, with what Paul said, "And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Eph. 4:11, 12). If Southern Baptists advance we will advance on our knees as fellow laborers with God with a renewed emphasis upon more conferences with God, and fewer conferences with each other.

As Paul meditated upon the meaning of God's revelation to Him in Christ, and of His personal salvation along with His call to preach the unsearchable riches of the grace of God he said, "Immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood" (Gal. 1:15). If we advance it will be in answer to the prayers, and in response to the faith of dedicated, consecrated servants of God who are willing to spend more time in personal witnessing to the lost, and less time just talking about it.

## Southern Baptists Urged To Battle In Spirit Of Christ

By James Fancher, Pastor  
First Church, Aberdeen

Since its beginning in 1845 through the year 1966, according to official statistics, the SBC has experienced periods of steady advance until a peak was reached, followed by a decline for several years, then steady advance again. Thus, it may be fairly stated that the slackening of progress, numerically speaking, which the denomination is recording now is not a new experience for the Convention. It is a new experience for this particular era and diverse diagnoses and prognoses have been given. My thoughts on this subject follow.

Cultural and social revolution changed our society from rural to urban, requiring a faster shift to urban ministry than we were prepared to make. The race issue has caused tension, confusion, resentment, misunderstanding, and suspicion — conditions not conducive to healthy fellowship nor to the ministry of the Holy Spirit. The wars of this century have been disturbing elements to society, bringing a backlash of crime, disrespect for authority, persons, and property. The increased financial ability of church members to travel and to afford recreation and entertainment including television and Sunday sports events greatly affects the attractiveness of church programs.

Some promotional plans and the popularity of belonging to a church may have brought into churches many who were not converted, thus we have on our hands over 3,000,000 non-resident members and

countless other inactive ones. This in itself is enough to seriously cripple us.

The lack of proper support of and respect for the ministry is evidenced by the fact that too many preachers must have other occupations to respectably support their families. This is a disgrace to churches and a dishonor to God.

The psychology of self-analysis can be paralyzing — it can make a person or an institution a hypochondriac. An over-anxious mother was instructed by her family doctor to throw away her thermometer. I killed a new calf one time because I convinced myself it was sick and began doctoring it. Self-centered people who constantly worry about what is wrong with them need to forget themselves and lose themselves in a great cause. So it is with churches.

We are a part of God's people. His instruments for spreading the gospel. Pastors, leaders, and teachers must have faith in Christ, and His Word must be the clear trumpet call to challenge. God has always honored those who believe the inspiration of the Bible, the power of Jesus Christ to save, and the place of the local church in God's plan for redemption. Optimism must replace pessimism.

**Awareness Necessary**  
Renewed awareness that the local pastor is the "key man" to the progress of the work and renewed recognition that the local church is where the job has to be done are necessary. The pastor himself needs to realize this. We cannot blame our failures on "Nashville." We cannot expect our



**READY IN SEPTEMBER** — This new dormitory is scheduled to be completed by the fall session at Blue Mountain College. It will house over 100 students and will be air conditioned. Recent dry weather has enabled workmen to recover much time lost because of bad weather in early spring.

## Suggestions Given To Get Convention Moving Again

By James F. Yates  
Pastor First Church,  
Yazoo City

The growth of the Southern Baptist Convention since World War II has been nothing short of phenomenal. From 1945 to 1967, the number of churches increased more than 25 percent to a total of 34,147. Church membership doubled from 5.8 to 11.1 million. The educational organizations of the local church also showed remarkable gains, with Sunday School doubling and Training Union increasing by four times. Total contributions increased fivefold; and property, elevenfold.

In recent years, however, available statistics have confirmed the concern of many who are calling for a renewed vitality and effectiveness in Southern Baptists' witness. Churches are still reporting growth and numerical success. Yet it is apparent that there has been a decline in the rate of growth and, in some instances, actual decreases are evident.

Serious questions are being raised by thoughtful Southern Baptists about the future. Will the years ahead be ones of growth or will our denomination be a declining one in power and influence for God in the world?

Statistical growth is not the

only criteria for evaluating progress. However, people are important. They are more than denominational statistics. They are persons and they are precious in the sight of God. We have a responsibility of being concerned about people.

What has happened to cause the decline in growth? Is there one cause or a number of causes? Obviously it would be quite difficult, if not impossible, to pinpoint all the reasons and come to a satisfactory conclusion. Our largeness may be a part of our problem. For a society which puts great stock in statistics,

it follows that it becomes rather easy for members of a religious denomination to want to be the "biggest." In 1965 we were able to report that at last we had become the largest evangelical denomination in the United States and the largest free church group in the world. It just may be at this point we, like Alexander the Great, sat down because there were no more worlds to conquer.

Again, secularism has crept into our churches and into our denomination. We have accepted goals and have used secular methods to attain

## Baptist Advance Must Come Through Church

By Curtis Beard  
Minister of Education  
Parkway Church, Jackson

Many people try to say what churches need today, and the answers are not always the same. Some feel a need for bigger and better facilities, while others feel their greatest need is better qualified leadership. Many leaders express a concern for the lack of missionary zeal in their churches. All of us will agree that a basic need in every church today is a deeper compassion for souls and a greater dedication on the part of each member. If Southern Baptists are to advance we must get more of our membership involved in the total program of the church.

There are several factors which have caused Southern Baptists growth to slow down in recent years according to Dr. A. V. Washburn, Secretary Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. They are: "The image that many people have of our churches seem to be that they are primarily concerned with the activities going on within the 'four walls' of their church houses, and not too concerned with the needs of others; preoccupation of American people with the material concern; social unrest; an atmosphere of a lack of deep concern for reaching and meeting the needs of persons; men in armed services; and the mobility of the American people."

Another factor in slowing down the growth of the churches is that people are too busy to be involved. We have learned that callous indifference to the plight of a fellow human being — even when his life is in jeopardy — can be demonstrated in the midst of civilized Christian America. Newspapers have carried numerous accounts of attacks upon helpless persons in full view of many witnesses who, not only did nothing to stop the violence, but made no effort to call for help.

Because of lack of concern in the churches and failure to place proper emphasis on the basic actions necessary to reach people, our growth has slowed down.

**Things We Must Do**  
There are some things we

must do as Southern Baptists if we are to experience an upward trend in our convention. Evangelism is the heartbeat of any growing denomination or church. We are now in the midst of a tremendous evangelistic effort through the Crusade of the Americas. Never has such careful preparation been made by such a large group of Baptists to undergird the churches in their effort to reach men and women for Christ. The effectiveness of these plans, however, depends on the individual churches and the extent of concern shown for the unreached all about us. This must be increased to the point that we are willing to pay the price in prayer and personal witnessing in order to reach the unsaved and unchurched. A desire to share Christ with others must be uppermost in our minds and hearts.

Our advance as Southern Baptists must come from the local church. We believe that effective Bible teaching, along with preaching the gospel is basic. A regular visitation program which keeps in close contact with members as well as the personal cultivation visitation of prospects is essential. This is the only effective way we have to communicate the genuine concern that we have for the unreached. We believe that the personal touch is the only effective means of making people aware of our concern for them. An established program of visitation that is Spirit-led and Christ-centered is a chief answer to a growing church and therefore the only way to advance.

Sunday School workers must be challenged to visit because of their love for persons and a conviction that person-to-person contact is essential in enlisting people for Bible study and church membership. We believe that a warm fellowship within our class rooms will add to the effectiveness of Bible teaching and the enlistment of the unchurched. The most searching question that preachers, staff members, superintendents, and teachers can ask is, "When the prospect comes, what does he find?" Except the teacher be found faithful in teaching, they come in vain. Any permanent increase in our churches and Bible Schools depends on the quality of teaching. Good teaching requires many things — the grading and grouping of pupils, the provision of ade-

these goals. We seem to have become more concerned with our prestige in the world than our impact for Christ on the world. As Robert Raines has suggested in his book, "New Life in the Church," "We of the church have accommodated ourselves to the cultural climate of the free and easy. We have surrendered to our secular environment, so that there is no longer any marked difference in behavior or outlook upon life between the average church member and his unchurched neighbor." How are we going to reach people as long as there seems to be so little about us that is distinctive?

**Lack Of Parental Control**  
A further factor to be recognized is a lack of parental control and its effect on our churches. Young people are turned loose at an earlier age to make their own decisions. In many instances they are no longer told to go to church. Rather, they are left to make their own decisions and many of them, aware of the inconsistencies in their parents' lives, are deciding not to go to church, or, in some instances, to have nothing to do with the church.

But perhaps the greatest contributing factor in our decline in growth is our affluent society. The host of people, inside and outside the church, are to be characterized as being self-sufficient. God becomes optional in a society where man can do everything for himself. The material has been elevated to the level of an artificial infinity. We have exchanged the pearl of great price for some costume jewelry. God is no longer the supreme fact of life. What we can buy and sell, use and own,

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## Serampore Players On Tour

The Serampore Players, Carey's widely acclaimed group of drama students, are currently in the midst of their eighth annual touring drama to colleges and churches in the Southern and Eastern states. The play this year is "The Way of the Cross" by Henri Gheon.

The players performed at the United States Military Academy at West Point on Sunday, June 23, according to drama professor Obra Quave. The performance was held in the chapel where denominational groups usually are not permitted to perform.

On Saturday, June 22, the Serampore Players presented their drama before a city-wide Baptist youth rally in New York City.

In recent months the Serampore Players performed for the second year at the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary. The inmates expressed their appreciation for the performers and the performance by awarding the actors and their director with certificates which made them "honorary convicts."

The 1968 tour is covering a wider area than ever before. The students involved in the current tour have already travelled over 2,000 miles in 5 states: Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, and South Carolina. During the Easter holidays performances were given at First Baptist Church, Conley, Georgia; Alice Drive Baptist Church, Sumter, South Carolina; Morningside Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia; and Pinecrest Baptist Church, Charleston, South Carolina. Since that time the play has been presented at First Baptist Church, Mobile; and at a Carey alumni dinner in New Orleans.

For the summer months the Players have been invited to the following churches: a Baptist coffee in Eau Gallie, Fla.; the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Miss.; Calvary Baptist, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; First Baptist, Graceville, Fla.; First Baptist of Decatur, Ga.; Athens, Georgia's First Baptist; the Tattnell Square



WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE drama students presented "The Way of the Cross" at the United States Military Academy at West Point on Sunday, June 23. An action shot above shows drama students, Sandra Castleberry and Jon Davis, Susie Epperson and Skeeter Garrett. The group will be touring all summer.

Baptist Church of Macon, Georgia (adjoining the campus of Mercer University); Green Street Baptist, High Point, N. C.; Norview and Ocean View Baptist Churches of Norfolk, Va.; First Baptist Church, Petersburg, Va.; Highland Baptist of Louisville, Ky.; First Baptist of Tupelo; Southside Baptist, Spartanburg, S. C.; Friendly Ave. Baptist, Greensboro, N. C.; First Baptist of Mims, Fla.; First Baptist, Dobson, N. C.; First Baptist

Church, Newnan, Ga.; Saint John's Baptist of Charlotte, N. C.; First Baptist Church, Hagerstown, Maryland; Binkley Memorial Baptist, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Bergen Baptist, Westwood, N. J.; and Ridgecrest Baptist, New Windsor, N. Y.

Included in the 8th touring company are: Susie Epperson, Sandy Castleberry, Jon Davis, Skeeter Garrett (the four featured in photo above), Joanne Flanagan, Juanita West, and John Toussell.

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## Suggestion Given

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wear and drive, these are our treasures.

Once Southern Baptists were looked upon as humble, people of the Book, evangelistic, dependent on the Holy Spirit. It is just possible that we have departed from these and have tried to create an image which suggests compromise at these points and have weakened our witness. We have measured our success by our magnificent edifices and mighty budgets rather than on the spiritual character of the people who are reached by our churches.

Finally, we are finding it more and more difficult to develop and sustain any sort of effective visitation program. We give the impression that we have neither the time nor the interest for knocking on doors and inviting people to our churches for Sunday School and worship. When we do go, we tend to give up too easily if we are not enthusiastically received.

### What Can Be Done?

What can be done to get the Convention moving again? A simple solution does not immediately appear on the horizon. These few suggestions seem to be part of the answer:

1. A new awareness of our own insufficiency and a new dependence on the sufficiency of God.
2. A deep consciousness of the loss of man without God, which, hopefully, will result in a heartfelt concern for man.
3. A recognition and surrender to the power of the Holy Spirit.
4. Holy living on the part of those who are professing Christians and church members.

William Penn wrote in reference to the first explosive generation of Quakers, "They became changed men themselves before they went out to change others." When church members give evidence that they have found something worth having and care enough to share it, then we will reach the people.



NOTE BURNING AT ROLLING CREEK church — Rev. Jack Kinley, pastor, burns the mortgage note in the presence of the deacons. Shown from left: Pat Sowers, Albert Williams, R. L. Smith, Rev. Jack Kinley, Van Chancellor, Eugene Ivey, Liddel Williams, Joe Crocker, Leo Bonner, Ralph Irby.

## Rolling Creek (Clarke) Burns Note

Rolling Creek Church, Clarke County, recently held a note burning service, signifying that the building indebtedness was paid in full. The burning of this note represents the completion of several years of growth that began in 1955. Throughout these years of growth the church has made the following physical growth: the purchase of new pews and pulpit furni-

ture; the building of a three-bedroom pastor's home; the building of an educational building; the complete renovation of the church auditorium; the installation of central air conditioning and heating, and the partial landscaping of the church property.

The church has not only grown in a physical way, during these years, but it has also grown in a spiritual way.

At the present time the church has a total membership of 245 with 190 enrolled in Sunday School and 95 enrolled in Training Union. This represents a 50% growth since 1955. Average attendance in Sunday school at the present is 150 and in Training Union is 70.

The church is now beginning a long range planning program. Rev. Jack W. Kinley is pastor.



### CHURCH BUILDS AND INCREASES MISSIONS

New Hope Church, Lawrence County, Rev. Sam Waggoner, pastor, increased its missions giving through the Cooperative World Missions Program from ten to fifteen percent. At the same time it is building a new pastor's home valued at \$20,000.00. "The increase in mission giving is due to the leadership of our chairman of deacons, the ladies of the W.M.U., and other concerned church members," Rev. Waggoner said.



Rev. Chester Estes, Jr.

## Estes Called To Union

Rev. Chester T. Estes, Jr. recently accepted the pastorate of First Church Mission of Union. Mr. Estes moved to Union from Endville Church in Pontotoc Association.

Mr. Estes, a Roman Catholic until his conversion in 1950, was ordained by First Church of Ocean Springs in 1956. He has pastored churches in Neshoba County, Lauderdale, and Scott. He also pastored Van Vleet Church and Knights Church of Knights, Florida.

He is a professional photographer and religious chalk artist, and utilizes these media in his pastoral work.

Mr. Estes led the Endville Church in paying off the debt on the pasturum within six months of his moving on the field in 1965. The Endville Church entered the pastor in the Southern Baptist Protection Plan with the church paying the full 10% of a \$4000 base.

While he was pastor of Endville they sent him to the Southern Baptist Conventions in Dallas, Detroit, and Miami Beach.

Gifts to all causes saw a substantial increase while Mr. Estes was at Endville. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 1966 was \$481; the largest gift to this cause in the history of the Endville Church.

A Building Fund was begun on November 19, 1967, and reached a total of \$775 in five and a half months.

Mr. Estes attended Clarke College and Mississippi College.

Mrs. Estes, the former Shirley Gomillion of Union, is a graduate of Clarke.

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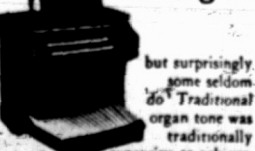
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# The Sunday School Lesson

## THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON—LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM— Exiled In Babylon How The Home Teaches

By Clifton J. Allen  
Lamentations 5;  
Psalm 130; 137

The situation of the exiles in Babylon was one of intense bitterness. Some of them, of course, became indifferent about their spiritual heritage and became absorbed in selfish interests. But many of the exiles awoke to a sense of their guilt in rebelling against God. They needed a sense of their guilt in rebelling against God. They needed a deeper understanding of God's judgment and chastisement. They needed encouragement to fortify them against despair. They yearned for restoration to their homeland. God chastened a faithful remnant preparatory to the time when he would restore them to Jerusalem. Their only hope was the unchangeable faithfulness and infinite mercy of God.

The Lesson Explained  
The Plight Of The Exiles  
Verses 1-7



PHIL JONES, 14, son of Rev. and Mrs. George Jones, surrendered his life to the gospel ministry during Sunday morning worship service at Calvary Church, Forest, under the preaching of his father on June 9. Phil has always been active in all church activities. His family moved from Indianola to Newton, where his father graduated from Clarke in 1966. Rev. George Jones was called to pastor Ridge Church in 1965, where he served 13 months, until called to Calvary, Forest.

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These verses are part of a prayer entreating the Lord to look upon the pathetic situation of the exiles. They felt their state to be defenseless and helpless; they were like orphans; the mothers were like widows. Water and wood could be had only for a price. Their situation was virtual slavery, as they were driven to work without time for rest. Formerly, they tried to find security in the help of the Egyptians or the Assyrians. Because they had not trusted in the Lord, they were left to the tragic outcome of their infidelity and stubborn rebellion. They blamed their fathers for sinning and felt that they were receiving punishment they did not deserve. In the verses following the printed text, the plight of the captivity is still further described in terms of cruel persecution, suffering from the burning heat, women being ravished, and princes and elders and young men and children all being subjected to laborious tasks or cruelty.

The psalmist describes the plight of the exiles in sorrow and despair. Not even their harps could bring them joy, so they hung them up in silence. They were in a strange land, with strange people and strange customs. They felt separated from the Temple and hence from God. Their hopes were crushed, and they gave themselves to weeping.

A Prayer Of Confession  
Verses 15-18

The sorrow, humiliation, and hardship of the exiles drove them to self-examination and searching of heart. Though they complained about their lot, they recognized that their own wrongdoing accounted for it. The woe of affliction created in their hearts a recognition of their guilt. Now their prayer turned to confession of sin. The recognition of their sin took the pride from their hearts, filled their eyes with tears, and impressed on them their need for the forgiveness of God. They remembered the holy precincts in Jerusalem, devastated and in ruins, frequented by wild beasts rather than devout worshippers. Their prayer was the awakening of the sense of urgent need for the forgiveness of God.

A Plea For Help  
Verses 19-22

The writer of Lamentations closes his prayer with a plea for help and restoration. This plea is grounded on the faithfulness and sovereignty of God, who abides the same forever. His throne endures from generation to generation, never threatened by earthly empires or the spiritual hosts of wickedness. In spite of affirming this sublime truth, for a moment the writer seems enveloped in despair: he feels that God has forgotten them. But then the prayer pleads for a change of heart: "Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old." This is the only hope of persons who have disobeyed God and brought upon themselves his righteous retribution. Still again the prayer sinks into despair. The exiles felt utterly rejected; they felt that God's anger was toward them and his wrath upon them. The goodness and faithfulness of God were the means whereby the remnant was chastened and brought back to Jerusalem with new hope and opportunity.



REV. EUGENE WALDEN was recently ordained to the gospel ministry at Second Church, Tupelo (Rev. Clifton Allen, pastor), at the request of Gleaners Church, Nettleton. A faithful member of Second Church, and active in many areas, Mr. Walden had been Sunday school superintendent for two years, at the time of his call to the Gleaners Church.

By Bill Duncan  
Deut. 11:18-21 Col. 3:18-4:1

The role of the home has changed, with the changing world. Now so much of the teaching is done outside of the home. Yet even in the modern setting there is a need for the parents to help the child develop. The church cannot do all the teaching. The home must provide an atmosphere for the learning to work out. Too often when the church provides only the teaching and the home does not cooperate with the Christian atmosphere, the child becomes confused and says, "Who shall I follow?" The home is the greatest teaching agency given to modern man. This lesson should set forth the principles of how teaching can be done in the home.

As Moses Speaks  
Deut. 11:18-21

It should not have been difficult for the Israelites to remember their own life's experiences. While in Egypt they had labored to produce crops by means of irrigation. In Canaan the waters would come by means of rain, unless because of their sins they were held back. Present Israel was not likely to forget, but what about their children.

Every means possible must be used to help each generation experience anew the mighty acts of God. The responsibility was laid squarely upon the shoulder of the father by Moses. The means of personal witness by the father emphasizes their importance. The parents were obligated to religiously train their children. Parents were to order their lives and the practices of their homes that growing boys and girls would learn by example their duty to God. The discipline of thought and the control of emotion were to be geared by the institution of the Lord passed on by the father.

The modern court rulings have served to challenge American parents with their responsibility for furnishing spiritual leadership in the home. No other institution can effectively discharge a responsibility that God designed for the home. The basic idea of Moses is that the parents should confront their children daily with the example of Christian living.

As Paul Writes  
Colossians 3:18-4:1

The Christian ethic is an ethic of mutual obligation where rights and obligation fall on every man. Therefore it becomes a mutual responsibility. The whole direction of the Christian ethic is not to ask "What do others owe me?" but, "What do I owe to others?" The really new idea of this ethic is that all relationships are in the Lord. The whole of the Christian life is lived in Christ. In the home the whole tone of personal relationship must be dictated by the awareness that Jesus is always an unseen, but an ever-present guest. In any parent-child relationship the dominating idea is that we must treat our children as God treats His sons and daughters.

In the Christian home the marriage becomes a co-operation and a partnership. This is not just for the convenience of the husband, but that both can find a new joy and new completeness in life in each other.

The Christian lays down the duty of the child is to respect the parents. In order to gain the respect desired there is the problem of discipline that is going to the child and rebuking. On the other hand there is the parent who is too lax and easy going. The child will grow up undisciplined and unfit to face life.

Discipline is necessary in the home for correction and respect. But also encouragement is the duty of the parent. Luther said, Spare the rod and spoil the child. It is true.

But beside the rod keep an apple to give him when he does well.

The home teaches the child in many respects but from these passages we have seen four: personal witness, example, discipline, and encouragement. There are other means used but nothing is effective if there is not the spirit of love in the relationship. Without love the home becomes a prison farm with laws and orders.

### NEW PASTOR TO SEMINARY

Rev. Robert L. Mounts, pastor of Buras-Triumph Church, Buras, La., has accepted the call of Seminary Church, Covington Association, to become its new pastor.

Mounts is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Mounts of Logan, West Virginia. He obtained his B.A. degree from Tennessee Temple Schools after having also attended, as an undergraduate, both Marshall University and Bob Jones University. In 1963 he received his M.A. degree from Bob Jones University where he remained to complete residency requirements in 1965 for a Ph.D. degree. In 1968 he received his Education Specialist degree from New Orleans Seminary where he has continued to study and presently lacks only one semester to complete residency requirements for an Ed.D. degree.

He has pastored First Church, Man, West Virginia; Bethel Church, Union Point, Georgia; Salem Church, Stonewall, La.; and Buras-Triumph Church for 1966 to the present. While at Stonewall, he also served as headmaster of Grawood Christian School.

During his years before and after becoming a pastor, Mr. Mounts — a highly skilled musician — also served in various roles in church music. Throughout his ministry he has preached many revivals.

He is married to the former Glenna R. Keessling of West Virginia. They have three sons: Robert Joseph, 8; Joshua Glen, 5; and Jonathan Paul, 4. The new pastor and his family will take up residence in Seminary sometime in July.

Rev. Ray Strebeck has served as interim pastor.



**NASHVILLE —** Speakers for the 1968 Sunday School leadership weeks at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly are: Top row (left to right) William E. Hull, professor of New Testament Interpretation, Southern Seminary, preacher; Wayne Dehoney, pastor, Walnut Street Church, Louisville, special emphasis speaker; Robert L. Snead, minister of music, First Church, Nashville, music director. Second row, E. Hermond Westmoreland, pastor, South Main Church, Houston, preacher; John Havlik, associate director, division of evangelism, Home Mission Board, special emphasis speaker; Genter Stephens, professor of church music education and voice, New Orleans Seminary, music director; Third row, James Landes, pastor, First Church, Birmingham, preacher; Leonard Sanderson, director of evangelism, Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria, special emphasis speaker and Al Fennell, minister of music, First Church, Pompano Beach, Fla. The three Sunday School leadership weeks at Ridgecrest are scheduled for July 18-24, July 25-31 and August 1-7. (BSSB Photo)

Thursday, July 11, 1968

BAPTIST RECORD PAGE 1



### Mississippi Master Swordsman Receives Citation At Glorieta

Frank Clay Campbell, Mississippi's Master Swordsman for 1968, participated in the Intermediate Sword Drill at Glorieta Baptist Assembly. Other competitors during the first Training Union week represented Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Clay completed the event with a perfect score, not accumulating any penalties. He received the Special Citation Award from Bob R. Taylor, the consultant for intermediate work with the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

### REVIVAL RESULTS

**Plantersville Church, Plantersville June 23-28;** Rev. Walter Burrell, evangelist; Mr. Bob Coleman, music director; 10 professions of faith, and many rededications.

**First Church, Aberdeen:** June 23-30; Rev. Clyde Chiles, evangelist; 40 professions of faith, 5 by letter, and 82 rededications.

### Brotherhood

#### Third Annual World Missions Rally

The Brotherhood World Missions Rally for this year will be held at Camp Garaywa, September 14-15. We will have a good representation of foreign, home, and state missionaries. Many foreign missionaries will be in Mississippi, home on furlough, during this time. We are grateful that they have consented to participate on the rally program. We will have at least two Home Mission Board personalities. A new emphasis on the program this year will be pioneer missions. Rev. Darwin Welch, area missionary from Salt Lake City, Utah, will direct this emphasis during the rally.

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## Burton Mission Is Organized

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During the first worship service an offering was taken and 10% of it went to Cooperative Program. A budget committee was approved to draw up a budget for the new mission work. Ten per cent of this first budget went to Cooperative Program and 2 1/2% to Associational Missions. When the 1968 budget was approved Cooperative Program gifts were increased to 11%.

Members from the Prentiss and Tishomingo association met with the Burton Mission Sunday afternoon June 16, 1968 and organized it into a sister church.

Bro. Earl Green presented letters from East Booneville Baptist church for 25 charter members.

Bro. Harris Counce Jr., Pastor First Baptist Church Iuka, led in the prayer of dedication. Bro. Eugene Tension led the congregation in singing the hymn, "To God be the Glory." After this hymn Bro. Tension sang, "No One Ever Cared for me Like Jesus."

Bro. A. B. Harris, Calvary Church, Belmont brought the message from Ephesians 5:27.

Rev. Kermit Brann, Pastor First Baptist Church, Baldwin led the benediction.

## State Pastor To Help Direct Holy Land Tour

The Rev. Wm. Gary Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Carriere, Mississippi, is to serve as an assistant tour director on a tour of the Holy Land directed by Dr. Wayne Dehoney, past president of the Southern Baptist Convention. This tour will leave New York



## Ist, Biloxi, Conducts Mission Choir Tour

The Tour Choir of First Church, Biloxi, left Wednesday morning, July 3, at 4:00 a. m. for a two-week choralmision tour of the eastern states. The Tour Choir is composed of 41 young people.

The itinerary will include Atlanta, Georgia; Charleston Heights, South Carolina; Yorktown, Virginia; Williamsburg, Virginia; Wilmington, Delaware; New York City; Long Island, New York; Washington, D. C.; Alexandria, Virginia; Richmond, Virginia; Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and Columbus, Georgia. The Tour Choir will work in Vacation Bible Schools and survey areas for Baptist missions on Long Island, New York, the week of July 8-12. While in the New York area, the Choir will see such places of interest as the Radio City Music Hall, Rockefeller Center, the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, United Nations, Riverside Church, Greenwich Village, and the Bowery Mission. Ten of the

City on December 31 of this year. Those desiring free literature are invited to write Rev. Wm. Gary Smith, P. O. Box 56 Carriere, Mississippi.

teenagers will be working in Vacation Bible School in Brooklyn in a Polish Mission. They will be commuting daily to Manhattan Island for lodging.

Sponsors for the trip will be Rev. Perry Neal, Minister of Activities; Mrs. Bill Ferguson, Registered Nurse; Mrs. Melvin Waldrop, accompanist;

and Rev. Harold Hancock, Minister of Music. The pastor, Rev. Larry Rohman, will fly to New York on Sunday evening to meet the Choir for the mission activities Monday through Friday, July 8-12.

The Choir will return to Biloxi to present a homecoming concert on Wednesday, July 17 at 7:00 p. m.

## Laurence Heely Appointed Christian Herald Publisher

CHICAGO (RNS)—Laurence S. Heely, Jr., has been named publisher of the Christian Herald, nondenominational Protestant monthly edited for many years by the late Dr. Daniel Poling of Philadelphia. The announcement was made at a regional sales luncheon here. Mr. Heely was chosen earlier by the Christian Herald's board of directors.

Mr. Heely was head of the Chicago advertising sales office of the magazine from 1949 to 1963. For the last five years, he has been advertising

director, with offices in New York. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

## Missionary In Colorado Killed Accidentally

TELLURIDE, Colo. (BP)—Denver James Bennett, 38, a Southern Baptist missionary in the Colorado mountains, was killed accidentally here when a truck he was repairing slipped and fell off the jack.

## Names In The News

Rev. James B. Parker, retired chaplain of Mississippi Baptist Hospital, has been elected an honorary member of the American Protestant Hospital Association. Honorary membership is conferred by the Board of Trustees of A.P.H.A., and is limited to persons who have maintained at least twenty years of active membership in the association prior to retirement, and who, in the judgment of the Board, have made significant contributions to the Protestant hospital ministry through their service. Chaplain Parker served on the staff of Mississippi Baptist from 1948 until his retirement this year, and was among the early group of ministers who were employed full time as hospital chaplains. Rev. Charles D. Phillips, a native Mississippian and former pastor in the state, is Director of Chaplaincy Services and is the executive of The College of Chaplains.

Rev. and Mrs. Guy Futral, Tommy and Randy have moved to Greenwood. Their address is 1003 Dewey Street. Mr. Futral is available for supply and interim pastorate work in the Greenwood area.

James Lamont Griffith of Prentiss has been named the recipient of the T. M. Hederman, III, Memorial Scholarship at Mississippi College for the coming school year. Dr. Charles Scott, dean of students, announced today. The scholarship carries a \$1,000 stipend and is renewable from year-to-year for up to four years.

Rev. D. A. Hogan has completed three months service as supply pastor of Russelltown Church. The church has called a pastor and he is moving on the field on June 25th. Mr. Hogan is again available for supply work or an interim pastorate. His address is 207 South 24th Avenue, Hattiesburg, Miss., 39401. His telephone number is 22270.

The James D. Watson Church Evangelism Association, Inc., of Indianola, presented its instrumental evangelist, Edwin Sudduth, in a sacred organ and piano concert at First Church, Indianola, recently. Rev. James M. Metts Jr., pastor of First Church, welcomed the guests, and Rev. James Denton Watson of the Association introduced the soloist, and Rev. William A. Smith, of Second Church, Indianola, gave the benediction. Mr. Sudduth, a graduate of Mississippi College, attended New Orleans Seminary, and has served as church organist at First, Gulfport. He is now affiliated

with the James D. Watson Evangelism Association, Inc., of Indianola.

Rev. and Mrs. Mack P. Jones were scheduled to return to the States on June 2 for furlough, after their first term as missionaries to Paraguay. (They may be addressed, c/o Mrs. Lois Staff, Box 344, Purvis, Miss., 39475). Both are natives of Mississippi, he of Wayne County and she, the former Marie Martin, of Hattiesburg.

## DEVOTIONAL

### Breaking The Age Barrier

By Robert L. Sheffield, Pastor, Southside Church, Meridian

Paul Harvey tells the story of a woman in a particular city who, in answer to a blank on a questionnaire asking age wrote, "I don't mind telling it, I just mind being it."

This lady put into words something that is a concern to almost every individual. Trying to do something about our age consumes a lot of our thinking. While there is nothing that we can do to change our age, in reality, there is a lot we can do to break through the barrier that surrounds age and make whatever age we are an effective time for Christ.

Caleb is an outstanding biblical example of a man who let his age be no barrier. In Joshua 14 we read the account of his seeking new frontiers to conquer at age eighty-five. We, desperately need this type of spirit today, because there are so few who are "just the right age". If the words of the Lord is to be done, there must be a feeling of responsibility and a mind to work whether young, "just right," old, or older.

In order for us to break the age barrier there are some things that we are going to have to do in our lives. We are going to have to realize that whatever age we are is a stewardship given us by God. To say that we "can't" do something simply because of our age is charging God with a lack of strength. We can do more than we even dare to think possible if we will lean on God and let him empower us. Without this we are subject to failure regardless of our age. If we fail in this stewardship, we commit the same sin that we do when we fail in any other area of stewardship.

Also, if we are going to break the age barrier, we must act our age both physically and spiritually. As we mature in body and in the knowledge of Christ Jesus, we should show it. Childlikeness but not childishness is the Christian way. We expect to show children immature emotional traits but not adults.

We must also break the age barrier in the matter of growing more spiritual day by day. An eight-three year old woman once told her doctor, "the trouble with me is that I have no faith." If we are not growing more like Him day by day, if we are not growing deeper with Him day by day, if we are not more productive day by day, then something is wrong with the way our lives are maturing.

May God help us each one to break the age barrier so that we might be more of what we want to be and Christ would have us to be.

## REVIVAL DATES

New Sight Baptist Church, Brookhaven: July 14-19; Rev. David Millican, evangelist. South McComb Baptist Church; C. H. Stone, music leader; Gulfport. Services, 11 and 7 on Sunday, 10 and 7:30 during week.

Shady Grove Church, Hazlehurst: July 14-19; Dr. Gordon Sansing, Jackson, director of the State Evangelism Department, evangelist; Phil Chisolm, music director; Connie Schilling, pianist; dinner will be served in the fellowship hall following Sunday morning services, July 14; Rev. H. Glen Schilling, pastor.

Calvary (Pike): July 14-19; revival rally; Rev. Paul Kirke, Gautier, evangelist; dinner will be served at the church the 14; there will be no afternoon service but regular Sunday evening services; Rev. Homer A. Yarbrough, pastor.

Harrisville Church Harrisville: July 7-12; Rev. J. K. Pierce of Denham Springs, La., evangelist; E. C. Harpe of Pelahatchie, leading the singing; services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. J. A. McCain, pastor.

Utica Church, Utica: July 7-14; Rev. Walter Burrell, evangelist; Mr. John Johnson, song leader; weekday services 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.; Rev. John Ed Snell, pastor.

Crystal Springs Memorial Park, Crystal Springs: July 7-14; Rev. Vincent Cervera, full time evangelist of Greenville, S. C., evangelist; Jon W. Blouin, Jr., minister of music at Memorial Church, New Orleans, La., music director; services at 7:30 each evening; nursery facilities are provided by the First Church, Crystal Springs, and parents are requested to bring their children by the church before going to the park. The area wide crusade is sponsored by nine Baptist

churches in the Crystal Springs area.

Rehobeth Church, Rankin Assn.: July 14-19; Rev. Ralph Brady of Pearlhaven Church, Brookhaven, evangelist; Sunday worship services 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (dinner on the ground), and weekday services at 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Rev. Brady has just returned from the West Indies and will show films of his trip. Rev. James A. Case is pastor.

Longino Church, Neshoba Assn.: July 21-26; Rev. Virgil Ratcliff, supt. of missions, Leake County, evangelist; Grady Copeland, music director; Mrs. Galen Herrington, pianist; services at 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.; Rev. T. B. Kornegay, pastor.

Rocky Creek Church, George Assn.: July 7-12; Rev. John Merck, the pastor, will bring the messages; Rev. Frank Lawton, music director; services each evening at 7:30.

Hickory Ridge (Rankin): July 14-19; services on Sunday, 9:45 a.m.; dinner on the ground at noon, followed by preaching at 1:15 p.m. There will be no night service Sunday. Night services Monday-Friday only. Rev. Bill Beam, evangelist, from Grandview in Rankin County; Rev. V. R. Crider, pastor.



New Hope (Simpson): July 14-19; Rev. S. R. Pridgen, Indian Springs Church, Laurel, evangelist; Rev. Johnnie E. Bridges, pastor; services at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. during week; services at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on July 14, with dinner at the church.

Calvary, Batesville: July 21-28; Rev. C. C. Cornelius, pastor, West End, West Point, speaker; Jack Joslin, in charge of music; morning and evening services; Rev. J. D. Joslin, pastor.

Mt. Zion (Rankin): July 14-19; Rev. Gerald Smith, North-

port, Ala., evangelist; E. C. Harpe, Pelahatchie, music director; Rev. Johnnie Jones, pastor; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with noon meal at church; weekday services at 10:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Center Ridge (Kemper): July 21-26; Rev. Ray Fulton, Philadelphia, evangelist; Tony Bates, song director; Mrs. Tony Bates, organist; Mrs. Nona Quarrels, pianist; services 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. each day. Rev. F. H. Miller, pastor.

Good Hope Church (Neshoba): July 14-19; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Herman Dean, Louisville, evangelist; Rev. Auzie Sullivan, pastor.

## Lester Gives Testimony At Laurel Church

On Sunday, June 9, 1968, members of the Training Union of Second Avenue Baptist Church, Laurel, and visitors, were privileged to hear Tom Lester, actor of Hollywood, California. Tom, a native of Laurel, is home on vacation from a TV series of "Green Acres" and is the nationally known "Eb" on this series.

He gave his remarkable testimony for the glory of God. He attributes everything that has happened in his life to the will of God. He is a fine Christian witness for the Lord. His message was a challenge to his audience.

Among the visitors were groups from other churches. One group was from Tucker's Crossing, Baptist Church and also from Richton Baptist Church, the Edward Bell family.

## Consultant Named At BSSB

NASHVILLE (BP)—Roland A. Smith, formerly secretary of religious education for the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention, Salt Lake City, has been named consultant



Twelve Carey College students and faculty members will be leaving on July 16 to attend the Baptist World Youth Congress in Berne, Switzerland. The group will be in Europe and in the Holy Land for 21 days, July 16-August 6, and will visit several cities. The group will be led by Marjorie Rowden, former missionary to Israel, and arranged by Dr. Clyde Bryan of Bryan Tours. Shown from left to right above, first row, are: Ann Miller, Debra Balili, Peggy Sue Finch, Mrs. Rowden, and Martha Gillon. Back row, from left, are: Joanne Triggs, Mrs. B. F. Smith, Dr. B. F. Smith, Archie Herring, Mrs. Frances Winters, and Mary Lynn Stampley. Not pictured is Janna Turner.

## Resolution Of Sympathy To Family Of W. A. Taylor Sr.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, on May 9th, 1968 called from our midst Brother Alex Taylor, a beloved friend and fellow deacon.

WHEREAS, Brother Alex was one of our most faithful, loyal, and helpful members giving himself to the program of his church, which he so dearly loved. Truly, he exemplified in his life to a very marked degree those qualities that our Lord said should characterize the life of His followers, and especially those of a deacon.

WHEREAS, He served as Chairman of the building committee both for the construction of our Sanctuary and Educational Building. He spent much time in prayer, making calls, counseling with contractors, architects, and other members of the building committee and gave most liberally of his talents and means for the promotion of our building programs. The members of the church architecture department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here.

bers of our church owe him an everlasting debt of gratitude for his untiring efforts which contributed so much toward the construction of our beautiful buildings which we all enjoy and appreciate so much.

WHEREAS, He was a Christian of very strong and abiding faith in our Lord, was ever humble and thankful and proud of the buildings which would serve His Lord in the advancement of His Kingdom. He seldom missed an opportunity to encourage and invite those with whom he came in contact to attend our services. He was honored by our church by being elected a life time active deacon.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we go on record as herein expressing our gratitude to God for such a life in our midst and for the privilege of living under the influence and fellowship of such a Christian, whose strong faith in our Lord and consecration have in the past and will continue to inspire and challenge us.

FURTHER, be it resolved that this Group of Deacons extend to his devoted wife, Mrs.

## Usry Goes To Westwood

Rev. W. Buford Usry began his duties as Pastor of Westwood Baptist Church in Meridian on June 17th.

Usry comes to Westwood from Siloam Baptist Church of York, Alabama.

He is a Mississippian, having been Pastor of Pittsboro Church at Pittsboro, Second Church of Calhoun City, Good Hope in Neshoba County and Shiloh church in Calhoun county.

Leon Taylor, and to each of his children who survive him, our deepest sympathy, and that we here and now purpose in our hearts to strive to live a better life as we remember often in prayer his beloved family.

Be It Finally Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be placed in the hands of his devoted wife and each of his children who survive him, that a copy be sent to The Baptist Record and a copy be spread upon the minutes of The First Baptist Church, Louisville, Miss.

Witness our hands this 1st day of June, 1968.

Eugene Robinson  
Joe H. McCully

## Off The Record

Three explorers in the African bush country had no food and only one bullet. They drew lots for the use of it.

The winner went off into the jungle to hunt and, before long, met two lions. He immediately ran back to the tent, pursued by the lions. Just as they made their final spring, he stepped quickly to one side, allowing the lions to burst through the tent flap. Quickly closing the flap, he shouted to his companions, "Start skinning those two while I hunt for a few more."

## Brookhaven, 1st Calls Minister Of Education

First Church, Brookhaven has called Wayne Wilson as minister of education. Mr. Wilson is presently serving in the same capacity at First Church, Sulphur, Louisiana.

A native of Bogalusa, he attended Southeastern Louisiana College where he graduated with a B. S. degree. He received his Master's degree in Religious Education from New Orleans Seminary. Mr. Wilson has taught in junior high and high schools in Louisiana.

While in the seminary he served as educational director at First Church, LaPlace, La. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have three children, Tim 9, Laurie 7, and Shelly 2.

Dr. Bob Ramsay is pastor.



Wayne Wilson